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Scheme for protected water-supply to the Cuddalore Municipality.

* 245 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any scheme under consideration for protected water-supply to the Cuddalore -Municipality; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage the matter stands at present?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The Government have already sanctioned the execution of comprehensive improvements to the water-supply scheme for Cuddalore Municipality.

" (*b*) The first stage of the water-supply scheme is under execution."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I know the total cost of this scheme? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The scheme is to be executed in three stages. Detailed plans and estimates for the first stage of the scheme to the extent of Rs. 7·78 lakhs have been technically sanctioned by the Chief Engineer and the work is now under execution. Detailed plans and estimates for the second stage are under preparation."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I know when it will be implemented? " 3-10 p.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already said that the first stage of the scheme is under execution."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" May I know whether any other water-supply scheme has been included in the Second Five-Year Plan for the South Arcot district? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This is the scheme about which I have already given particulars. The scheme is to be executed in three stages and is expected to cost about Rs. 26·34 lakhs."

Statues on the public roads in the City of Madras.

* 246 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased—

(*a*) to lay on the table of the House a list of statues on the public roads in the City of Madras; and

(*b*) to state the steps taken by the Government to remove the statues of foreigners from their present location?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) A statement [a] furnishing the information is placed on the table of the House.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 653 infra.

" (*b*) There is no proposal now to remove any statue from its present location."

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, will the Government kindly consider the question of placing a tablet near each statue the tablet to contain a historical account of the person whom the statue represents? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" They are well-known figures and I do not think any tablet is necessary."

Sri T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether there has been any correspondence on this subject with the Central Government for decision as a matter of All-India policy? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. There has been some correspondence between the Government of India and this Government. They wanted to have our opinion in this matter. They wanted to treat this matter as an All-India policy instead of allowing each State to adopt its own policy."

Sri V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" இந்த சிலைகளை எல்லாம் பாதுகாக்கும் பொறுப்புள்ள ஸ்தாபனம் எது? மில்லர் சிலை இருக்கும் இடம் மிகவும் ஆபாசமாகவும், அசுத்தமாகவும் இருப்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If it is put on a public road, it is the Government's duty to keep it in proper condition. As for the allegation of the hon. Member that the Miller's statue is not properly kept, I shall look into it, Sir."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Will the Government consider the question of erecting status for our Ministers at Government expense? " (Laughter.)

Adoption of Government scales of pay for the teachers by certain municipal councils.

* 247 *Q.*—Sri V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted certain Municipal Councils to adopt Government scales of pay for the teachers employed by them in elementary schools;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the above concession is not being extended now to such of the municipal councils which are willing to adopt Government scales of pay for teachers employed by them in elementary schools without extra aid from the Government; and

(*c*) if so, why?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) The last revision of the scales of pay of teachers in elementary schools under local bodies was made recently and also many municipalities may not be in a position to meet the additional expenditure involved."